

## Newsletter No. 10 2025-26 – Friday 28th November 2025

### Star of the Week

Well done to our 'Stars' for this week who all received their certificates in assembly today

**BIRCH CLASS:** Athena Brett

**WILLOW CLASS:** Athena Clark

**SYCAMORE CLASS:** Amelia Morrison

**LARCH CLASS:** Eesha Kanaparathi

**CEDAR CLASS:** Demelza Marshall

**BEECH CLASS:** Indi Scott

**OAK CLASS:** Talal-Haidar Hayat Raza

**REDWOOD CLASS:** Lina Richardson

**CHESTNUT CLASS:** Felicity Walker

**ROWAN CLASS:** Rudy Dixon

**MAPLE CLASS:** Robert Young



### Multilingual Day

What a fantastic day we had on Wednesday on our Multilingual Day! Huge thanks go to Mr. Everden for his hard work in organising the whole day and also to those parents and carers who came into school to share stories in their own languages. We also had lots of children who volunteered to teach either their own or other classes in another language, too. They were excellent teachers and showed all of us just how skilled they are to be able to speak fluently in two (or more!) languages. What a fantastic talent to have! Mr Everden has asked me to pass on the following message:

*"A huge thank you to everyone who participated, supported their children, or joined us to read stories. Your involvement made the day a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We plan to host a similar event next year and would love your ideas to make it even better. Please email suggestions to [senco@myland.essex.sch.uk](mailto:senco@myland.essex.sch.uk). While we cannot guarantee every idea will be implemented, your input is greatly valued. Do you have books in other languages that you no longer need? We would love to add them to our multilingual library! These books are often expensive and hard to source in the UK, so your donations would make a big difference. Thank you for helping us celebrate and support language diversity in our school!"*

Miss Griggs

### REMINDERS

Next week's MENU will be

**WEEK 2**

Please pre order by  
**TUESDAY 02/12/25 for WEEK 3**

Attendance this week  
(up to & including Thursday)

Birch Class	99.1%	★
Willow Class	93.2%	
Sycamore Class	93.9%	
Larch Class	96.6%	
Cedar Class	94.7%	
Beech Class	99.0%	
Oak Class	97.7%	
Redwood Class	98.0%	
Chestnut Class	93.8%	
Rowan Class	95.0%	
Maple Class	94.3%	
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.9%	

Check Email and Bookbags  
for...

\* No additional letters this week



## Thank you!

THANK YOU for your generous donations today in support of the PTA Tombola at next week's Christmas Fair.

This event is one of the PTA's main fundraisers of the year, so if you are able to offer any help, please speak to a member of the PTA team.

### Reception – September 2026

Do you have a child due to start school in Reception in September 2026?

The Reception admission round is now open. Please be aware that all applications must be made by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

If you already have a sibling at school, you must still make an application by the closing date.

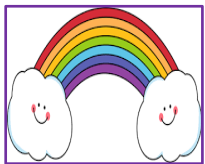
Further details can be found at

[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

We strongly encourage every child to have a water bottle in school. However, several children have metal drinks bottles, which are not suitable for school. These are heavy, especially when full – we ask that these are not brought to school in the interests of safety. Thank you.

### 'FREE TUCK FRIDAY'

WELL DONE to **BIRCH CLASS** who will have **Free Tuck** on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**



There is no Rainbow Award this week, as Mrs. Richardson has been out of school.

## ROCKER OF THE WEEK

Each week, Mrs. Carter chooses our 'Rocker of the Week' – this is a pupil who has made significant improvement over the course of the week in any aspect of their times tables knowledge. Well done to **JAMES** in **CHESTNUT CLASS**.

Picture to follow

## VIP Table



Each week, one child from each class is chosen by Miss Griggs for their kindness, good manners and sensible

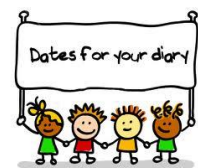
attitude. Well done this week to:

Birch Class	Joshua A
Willow Class	Isla
Sycamore Class	Cynan
Larch Class	Vivienne
Cedar Class	Hannah L
Beech Class	Ella
Oak Class	Karina
Redwood Class	Raj
Chestnut Class	Ciara
Rowan Class	Lulu
Maple Class	Lola
Windmills	Leo

## Diary Dates

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – PTA Christmas Fair

Please also refer to the list of Christmas dates on last week's newsletter



## Cross Country

On Wednesday, we took a team of 24 Year 5 and Year 6 boys and girls to the Colchester Northern Gateway to take part in an inter-school Cross Country-running event, which was a total distance of 1,500 metres. In each race category, there were over 100 children taking part. All of our children did amazingly well and showed great determination and resilience. Very well done to our whole squad and a special well done to Lulu (Year 5) who finished 8<sup>th</sup> in her race and Austin (Year 6) who finished 9<sup>th</sup> in his race.

## Roman Cup Yr 5 Finals

Our Year 5 team participated in the Roman Cup Finals at the Garrison yesterday. We successfully qualified from Round 1 into the Gold group of the finals, which consisted of 8 schools from Colchester and the surrounding area. Our team of 4 children did an amazing job, winning 19 out of 28 matches and, as a result, we finished as runners up of the whole tournament. This is the best achievement of any team that has taken part from our school and we are very proud of them.

Well done to Oliver, Benedict, Lulu and Ciara for their achievement.



Please could we remind parents/carers that children must not have any glass items in lunchboxes for safety reasons. Thank you.



Please remember that we are only able to administer prescription medication to pupils in school. This must be in the correct pharmacy container and clearly show the child's name and date of prescription. We cannot give pupils Calpol or any other 'over the counter' medication unless it been specifically prescribed for your child. Thank you for your co-operation.

I was struck this week by a video I came across for parents and carers, highlighting the dangers of social media exposure for young children. It is produced by the Data Protection Commission in Ireland and is part of their 'Pause Before You Post' campaign. It is a very short video, but gives a very clear message to parents and carers about some of the issues involved with posting on social media. Please take a look if you have time:

<https://dataprotection.ie/en/children>

## A Message from the School Council

At their meeting with Mrs. Dhanak this week, members of the School Council expressed that they would very much like to support children less fortunate than themselves this Christmas. As a result, we would like to support Emmaus Colchester, a charity which distributes donated items to local charities for children, including the children's ward at Colchester Hospital.

We are appealing for donations of new, unused and **unwrapped** toys, games, gift vouchers, sweet treats and stationery. These donations will be taken to Emmaus Colchester, who will be delivering presents to a number of places including Colchester Hospital Children's Ward. Please bring all donations into school by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

## It's beginning to look a lot like .....



This morning, Mrs. Earle and Miss Westfall took a group of children from Year 2 to St. Michael's Church to decorate one of the Christmas trees. As you can see, the children did a fantastic job!

